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Introducing The 2005 Chamber of Commerce Board

So it's another year, and looking like a busy one for the new Board of Directors at the Haliburton Chamber of Commerce. We'd like to take this time to introduce our newly elected board of Directors. Please feel free to call on any of them if you have any concerns or questions about the Chamber and this upcoming year. The new Board of Directors are:

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Go "Crazy" With Great Savings At This Store

by Stephen Patrick

"My Crazy Aunt's Attic" is not just a great name for a store: it's also a good way to describe just how many surprises you may be in for at this smart and fun Haliburton business.

Founded just two years ago, the "Attic" starting out selling a wide variety of goods on consignment, or by donation. Owner Sharon Rowden has always insisted on top quality merchandise: if an item is in the slightest disrepair, it simply doesn't make the shelves. So when you walk around the open and airy premises, appropriately upstairs in the newly renovated Village Barn, you soon forget the term "used goods" (until you check out the prices)!

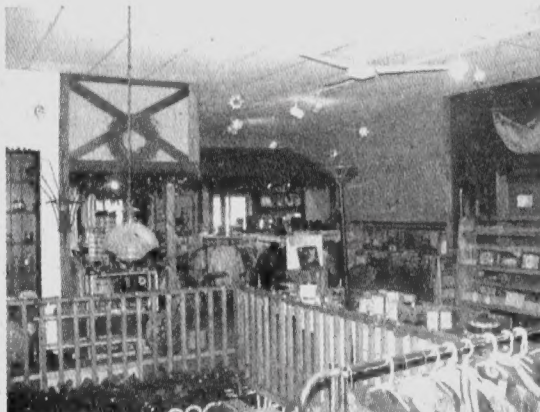
Sharon accepts all manner of items, from clothing for ladies, gents, babies, boys and girls to footwear, books, small furniture and household items. She also features original wood working pieces, toys, knick-knacks, and hand painted glass, willow artefacts, purses and china. For new parents, there's baby furniture, cribs, high chairs, and shoes and of course, winter boots in terrific condition. And did we mention the solid pine furniture, hand made blankets, and kitchen items? What about the in-perfect-condition electric typewriter?

My Crazy Aunt's Attic is a really well organized and attractive retail space. Sharon is justifiably picky about which items she'll accept, and of course she pays a commission on items sold. If consigned or donated goods aren't sold within a certain period, they're donated to the Salvation Army, or other charities.



After two successful years, Sharon now plans to move the store ahead and include a wide variety of new product lines to complement the consignment items. At the moment the store offers about 80 percent used and 20 percent new goods. But shortly Sharon is going to introduce some exciting clothing lines among many other new items. She's also going to sell helium balloons for all occasions.

A lot of care and imagination has gone into creating this business, which is obvious as soon as you walk in. New items are put out daily and the collection is always changing. There's no sense of stale goods in this store. So it's safe to assume that the new lines and goods that Sharon will be providing will make this retail space even more inviting and interesting.



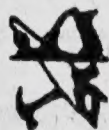
The furniture lines are a good example of what's to come for My Crazy Aunt: the original wood working pieces featuring hand made Mexican tiles could happily be sold in any up scale crafts stores. The original pine furniture is beautifully made and very reasonably priced. The hand-painted glassware and the willow items are finely chosen and displayed.

One thing's for certain: as Sharon puts it, "come in and check us out. You'll never know what you might find in the Attic!"

My Crazy Aunt's Attic is open this winter Monday to Thursday from 10 to 4, Fridays 10 to 5, and Saturdays from 9:30 to 5. For details on consignment terms, please call Sharon at 455-9065.



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The Rotary Club of Haliburton Valentine's Day Auction

By Jim Miners

On Friday, February 11, the Rotary Club of Haliburton is holding its annual Valentine's Day Auction and it's an event you won't want to miss. But before we discuss the event of the season, a little about the fine folk who run this event.

Most weeks of the year the Haliburton Rotarians, their guests and visiting Rotarians meet at the Delta Pinestone to discuss current Rotary projects and events, learn from a guest speaker about some aspect of their community and enjoy one another's company. In Haliburton this has been happening for almost 61 years. Around the world it has been going on since February 23, 1905.

What kinds of projects and events are discussed? Many of them are visible in our local community. The annual Snowarama event, supported by snowmobile enthusiasts and their sponsors, raises funds for the Easter Seals Campaign. Another annual event, the Rotary Golf Classic, raises funds for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and Rotary International's Polio Plus Campaign. Other annual events include the Jack Robertson Bonspiel, the Car Auction (tickets available soon), the Rotary Carnival and Parade and the Valentine's Day Auction.

Some of the club's recent projects include restoring the CN locomotive near the high school, delivering wheelchairs to Antigua and Trinidad, assisting with building projects in third world communities, sponsoring Ryan Hreljac's well drilling efforts in Africa, sponsoring Group Study Exchange participants to South Korea and Siberia, sponsoring exchange students (one inbound and one outbound every year), providing annual high school scholarships, supporting the hospital building project, supporting Fleming College's building project, supporting the worldwide eradication of polio and conducting road cleanup along County Road 21.

In the year ahead you will see improvements to the Rotary Beach and near the Head Lake municipal dock as a result of the Rotary Club's efforts. On a smaller scale, but just as important to the community, the club also responds to local requests for one-time assistance – these are generally known only to the recipient of the assistance or the person who has requested assistance on their behalf.

These projects are funded entirely by the fund raising efforts

of the 40 plus members of the local club. When you sponsor a snowmobiler, buy a ticket for the car draw, offer an item to the auction, play in the Classic or the Bonspiel, play Crown and Anchor or buy a Beef on a Bun at the Carnival, you help the club achieve its goals. Each year the club raises between \$70,000 and \$80,000 through the hard work of its members and the generosity of its community and visitors to the community.

The Object of Rotary is "to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise" – in plain English, to use one's business and network of contacts to make the community a better place. The community has a local aspect, but it also has a national and international aspect as well. That is why some of the club's projects are in the Haliburton area, and some are in such distant places as Africa, Asia and the West Indies.

Help Support This Club – Enjoy A Great Evening Out...

Now, back to the Valentine's Day Auction. If you've enjoyed the beef on a bun at the summer carnival, then you will surely want to join the fun on Friday, February 11 at the Wigamog Inn, the location of the club's annual Valentine's Day Auction. Tickets are \$30 each and entitle holders to a delicious dinner, a tempting dessert buffet, a personal paddle for the auction and live entertainment (Elvis, a.k.a. Joe Fischer, will be in the building!). The action starts at 6 with a cash bar, moves to dinner at 7, then on to dessert during the live and silent auctions at 8:30 and continues with the local entertainer and dancing from 10-12. Many auction items will sell for \$20 - \$100, some will sell for a bit more and a few, hopefully, will sell for a lot more. Every item will be a bargain – no bid will be refused.

The anticipated proceeds from the auction, close to \$15,000, will be used to support Rotary projects and worthy causes in our community and around the world. Anyone who would like more information or tickets or would like to donate an item for the auction should contact Robert at 457-5234. Tickets are also available at Henwood's Variety and Varty Jewellery and Gifts in Haliburton. Remember, it's just before Valentine's Day, so it's time to put your money where your heart is!

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Haliburton High School Donates \$7,200

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School family have rallied to help bring relief.

It took only five days for students and staff at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School to rally together and raise \$7,200 to put towards relief effort for the earthquake and tidal wave ravaged parts of Southeast Asia.

Representatives from the Student Activity Council went to classes each morning and collected contribution envelopes. On one of the days, students were permitted to wear hats to class by contributing a toonie to the cause. With a ten-dollar pledge, students put their handprint on a large banner to be hung in the front foyer of the school. Water was distributed in the cafeteria for a contribution for the relief fund. Many other ideas and events added up to the outstanding success of the weeklong campaign.

"The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School family are to be congratulated for their compassion and recognition that we are part of the global world and that we all suffer together," stated Haliburton Highlands principal Gary Brohman, "We are proud of the help we've been able to deliver through donations. One helping hand makes a difference, many helping hands makes a huge difference."

Student Activity Council, co-captains Will Rea and Jill Lewis as well as staff advisors Mrs. Kathy Hutson and Mrs. Jessica Lloyd were largely responsible for the leadership in raising these funds. The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School family have given from their hearts and it is their hope that their efforts will enable the survivors of the tsunami tragedy to move forward in some small way.



*Pictured above are (left to right)
Cathy Huxton (teacher), Jake Findeis, Jill
Lewis, Dave Balaski, Will Rea, Stephanie
Foster, Gary Brohman (principal) and Jessica
Lloyd (teacher)*

Call for Proposals For Cultural Programs for Children

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation has received a generous grant of \$3500 from TD Canada Trust to fund children's programs this summer in Minden.

They are currently seeking proposals from community groups in the area to create cultural programs for children, involving art, literature, heritage, music, photography, etc.

To receive an application form, please e-mail Michael Fay, Interim Secretary of the Foundation: fay.m@sympatico.ca.

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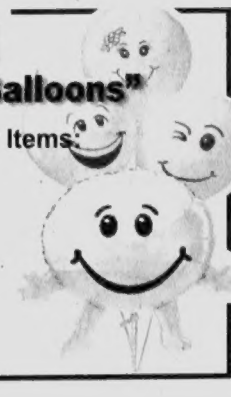
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Your Chance To Give Lugeing A Try In February

To survive winter in Haliburton it really helps to get involved with all the myriad winter recreational activities our area has to offer. When you think of it, there's just a ton of stuff to do to keep the winter blahs at bay. Cross country skiing, downhill at Sir Sam's, dog sledding, skating, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, and curling are all available, with first class facilities in every instance.

This year once again the Haliburton Trails and Tours Network is presenting a series of hands-on, skill-building winter workshops in partnership with various outdoor centres in the area. Last month saw dog sledding at the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve and ice climbing at the Camp Medeba Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre. This month you can enjoy a snowshoe workshop at Bark Lake Leadership Centre on February 5th, or at Camp Wanakita on February 26th. And if you're really adventurous, and up for a unique winter ride, you can try lugeing at the Redstone River Luge Club's brand new track on Kennisis Lake Road 15 K north of West Guilford.

Luge first originated in the Swiss Alps in the 19th century and was practised on logging roads leading from the hills to the

villages. International competitions began in 1883, and the artificial track version, Kuntsbahn, became an Olympic Sport in 1964. The natural track version, Naturbahn, has survived as an extremely popular local sport throughout Europe. In Naturbahn, the turns are flat, not banked, and courses wind along the natural contours of hills. More body movements by the participant are required, and speeds of up to 60 kph are possible!

The Redstone River Club's Naturbahn track uses a beautifully tract of hilly forest kindly provided by Peter Schliebenbaum at the Haliburton Forest. The track, designed by the club's own Bahnmeister, Kurt Herzog, is divided into two sections totaling 700 metres in length. The club's track is just the second in Ontario and only the sixth in Canada. The combination of speed, excitement and skill make it a great family sport.



Kurt Herzog not only designed the track, he's the track manager and coach. He is an experienced and enthusiastic proponent of the sport, and was once short-listed for Canada's Olympic Luge team. Kurt provides instruction and the use of sleds to new members and their families. The Club's learn-to-luge package combines entrance fee, basic equipment and an introductory lesson.



Kurt Icing The Track

On Saturday, February 12th, Trails and Tours and the Redstone Club will be providing a workshop at the track from 10 in the morning until 4 in the afternoon. Gear, instruction, and even lunch is provided. The cost of this one-day event is \$50 (for Trails and Tours members) and \$65 for non-members.

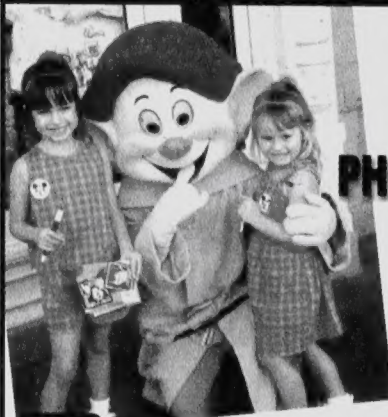
For further information about the Club please call Kurt Herzog at 705 754-4097. Volunteers are always welcome, and in addition the Redstone Club meets the criteria for community service hours for young people. There are a limited number of opportunities available for training as track marshals and event officials. For more information, please contact Leslie English at 705 754-1873.

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Kidz Korner

By Trevor Guyton

This edition of Kidz Korner is about Valentines; with the holiday coming up, I thought I should do a little bit on its origins and the man who started it all.

There are varying opinions as to the origin of Valentine's Day. Some experts state that it originated from St. Valentine, a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity. He died on February 14, 269 A.D., the same day that had been devoted to love lotteries. Legend also says that St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine". Other aspects of the story say that Saint Valentine served as a priest at the temple during the reign of Emperor Claudius. Claudius then had Valentine jailed for defying him. In 496 A.D., Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor St. Valentine.

Gradually, February 14 became the date for exchanging love messages and St. Valentine became the patron saint of lovers. The date was marked by sending poems and simple gifts such as flowers. There was often a social gathering or a ball.

In the United States, Miss Esther Howland is given credit for sending the first valentine cards. Commercial valentines were introduced in the 1800's and now the date is much commercialized. The town of Loveland, Colorado, does a large post office business around February 14. The spirit of good continues as valentines are sent out with sentimental verses and children exchange valentine cards at school.

This little bit is a piece I found on the Internet I'm not sure who wrote it but I found it quite catchy.... "Let me introduce myself. My name is Valentine. I lived in Rome during the third century. That was long, long ago! At that time, Rome was ruled by an emperor named Claudius. I did not like Emperor Claudius, and I was not the only one! Many people shared my feelings. Claudius wanted to have a big army. He expected men to volunteer to join. Many men just did not want to fight in wars. They did not want to leave their wives and families. As you might have guessed, not many men signed up.

This made Claudius furious. So what happened? He had a crazy idea. He thought that if men were not married, they would not mind joining the army. So Claudius decided not to allow any more marriages. Young people thought his new law was cruel. I thought it was preposterous! I certainly was not going to support that law!

Did I mention that I was a priest? One of my favourite activities was to marry couples. Even after Emperor Claudius passed his law, I kept on performing marriage ceremonies — secretly, of course. It was really quite exciting. Imagine a small candlelit room with only the bride and groom and myself. We would whisper the words of the ceremony, listening all the while for the steps of soldiers."

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The Haliburton Highlands Water Trails Committee (HHWT) will be hosting Public Information Forums on the following dates and locations

Date	Time	Invitation	Location
19-Feb-05	1pm-3pm	Groups/Youth Camps	Stanhope Community Centre
5-Mar-05	1pm-3pm	Commercial	Club 35, Halls Lake - Hwy 35
16-Apr-05	10am-12pm	General Public	Stanhope Community Centre
21-May-05	10am-12pm	Property Owner Assoc.'s	Club 35, Halls Lake - Hwy 35
4-Jun-05	1pm-3pm	General Public	Dorset Recreation Centre

The Information Forums will provide information about, and seek public comment and suggestions on a proposal to develop and implement a user pay/reservation system for recreational users of the HHWT's management area. The objective is to create a sustainable self-funded system in support of the long-term recreational management of the area.

Issues include the maintenance and capital infrastructure of canoe routes, campsites, portages, access points and forest access roads within the 26,985 hectare area historically known as the Frost Centre Area.

Original funding for the HHWT came from Ontario's

"Living Legacy" Program, which ended in 2004. As a result, the Township of Algonquin Highlands, the HHWT Committee and the MNR are working together to sustain the natural beauty and health of the Haliburton Highlands by continuing the water trails program and the access it provides to incredible recreational opportunities.

The Haliburton Highlands Water Trails Committee consists of stakeholder groups and individuals, including business and government bodies. The committee provides assistance to the Township of Algonquin Highlands and the Ministry of Natural Resources in the protection, preservation and management of the area canoe

routes, campsites, associated portages and access points on Crown and Municipal lands within the Haliburton Highlands.

These forums are being held in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

One of the ways you can be involved is to fill out a public consultation survey. This can be found on the Algonquin Highlands web site under Waterways. <http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/water/index.html>

For more information about these meetings or the HHWT, please contact: Mark Coleman, Co-ordinator Haliburton Highlands Water Trails, c/o The Township of Algonquin Highlands, R.R.#2, 1123 North Shore Road, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0 - Tele: 705-489-2379, Fax: 705-489-3491, E-mail: stanhope@county.haliburton.on.ca or visit Web: www.algonquinhighlands.ca

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9-1-1 Municipal Address Update

In response to calls from the public, County of Haliburton staff is continuing work on the installation of the balance of road name signs and municipal address blades.

Weather and road conditions have delayed the complete installation of this signage. The County expects to have this work completed by late Spring 2005.

The County has also been aware that there may be a possible defect with some of the municipal address blades with the vinyl backing separating from the metal blade. If you notice your municipal address blade is defective or notice any other related sign problems, if not previously done so, please contact the County 9-1-1 Clerk, Cathy Howe, at 286-1333 or via email chowe@county.haliburton.on.ca; or email Roy Haig at rhaig@county.haliburton.on.ca

The county of Haliburton thanks the public for their patience while they finish this important project.

Believe It Or Not!

He Didn't 'Moncke' Around...

The monkey wrench is named after its inventor, a London blacksmith named Charles Moncke.

No Foolin'...

The first child born on January 1, 2000, would have been conceived on or about April 1, 1999.

Another Great Writer Who Couldn't Spell...

Shakespeare spelled his own name several different ways.

Can't Spell 'em... Invent 'em...

Shakespeare was the first to use certain words that are now common, including "hurry," "bump," "eyeball," and "anchovy."

To Think he could have said "Feet up"... ouch...

The robbery phrase "Hands Up" originated in British Columbia. Bill Miner, an American known as the Gentleman Bandit, is said to have first used the phrase while robbing a Canadian Pacific Railways train in Mission Junction, British Columbia in 1904.

Hugs & "Basium" To One and All...

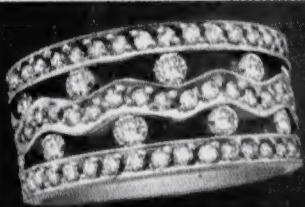
The Romans had three words for kissing: *basium* was the kiss exchanged by acquaintances; *osculum*, the kiss between close friends; and *suavium*, the kiss between lovers.

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Registration is between 9 a.m and Noon on Saturday. The timed event is at 1 p.m, and the social and prizes are at 4 p.m. There will be a BBQ lunch and prizes for qualifying participants, and the day will be filled with silent auction, raffles, snowball-oons and lots more fun. For more info and to get pledge sheets call 457-2626. Be there and have a ball while helping a great cause!



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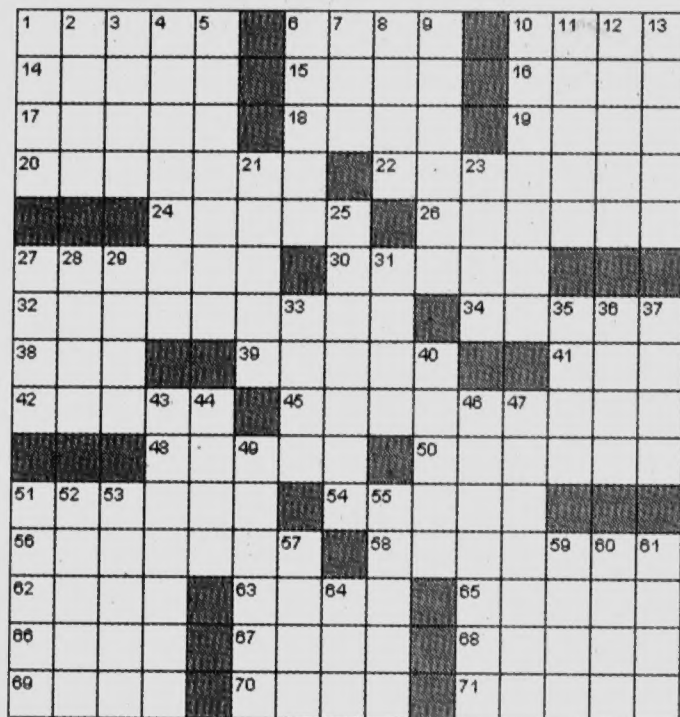
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Monthly Crossword



Answers on pg. 46...

Across

- 1 Greek mount
- 6 Thomas __ Edison
- 10 Little innocent
- 14 Hit hard
- 15 Look-see
- 16 Sikorsky or Stravinsky
- 17 Southpaw
- 18 Rind
- 19 Type of skirt
- 20 Seaport near Lisbon
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Worldly News



Wedded Bliss(Ters):

Scott McKie, 23, and Victoria Anderson, 40, were married in Manchester, England, but they didn't make it to their honeymoon. McKie offended his bride with his "drunken toast" to

the bridesmaids at the reception, and she hit him over the head with an ashtray. He responded by throwing a hat stand "like a javelin," witnesses say. A melee ensued that took several police officers to calm down, during which time McKie head-butted one constable and socked another in the face. The bride and groom were arrested, and Anderson said she wanted a divorce. Total elapsed marriage time: 90 minutes. ...Another 10 minutes and they would have made it to "death do us part."

Anger Management Maybe In Order:

Just 45 minutes after Theresa M. Wilson, 43, of Curtis, Wash., found her boyfriend with another woman, she says, she saw him driving on the road. She rammed his car three times and forced it off the road, state troopers say. "Oh my God, oh my God, that's not my boyfriend," she allegedly said after the crash — she had mistaken a stranger's car for her boyfriend's. Wilson was arrested and charged with assault. "We've got an anger management issue," the arresting trooper said. ...Gee, I can't imagine why her boyfriend wanted to move on.

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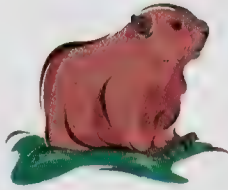


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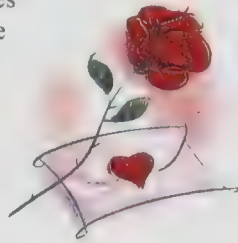
Februrary Facts:



Groundhog Day owes its origins to the ancient Greeks who believed that an animal's shadow was its soul, blackened by the past year's sins. While the animal hibernates its soul is cleansed by nature, if it wakes up before winter is over, it will see its

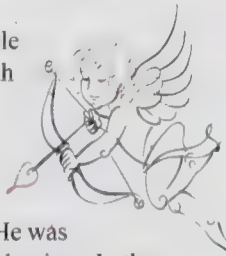
dirty shadow and be horrified and return to its den for more purification. Also believing this were the Palatine Germans, ancestors of the Pennsylvania Dutch, who settled in Pennsylvania and couldn't find a dach, the animal they thought this referred to. A groundhog was substituted and a tradition was born.

During the late 1800s, postage rates around the world dropped, and the obscene St. Valentine's Day card became popular, despite the Victorian era being otherwise very prudish. As the numbers of racy valentines grew, several countries banned the practice of exchanging Valentine's Days cards. During this period, Chicago's post office rejected more than 25,000 cards on the grounds that they were so indecent, they were not fit to be carried through the U.S. mail.



The Chocolate Manufacturers Association of America says that 36 million boxes of chocolate are sold for Valentine's Day. According to Hershey's Chocolate Company, Valentine's Day ranks fourth in sales behind Halloween, Christmas, and Easter.

The first American publisher of valentines was printer and artist Esther Howland. During the 1870s, her elaborate lace cards were purchased by the wealthy, as they cost a minimum of 5 dollars — some sold for as much as 35 dollars. Mass production eventually brought prices down, and the affordable "penny valentine" became popular with the lower classes.



Historians claim that the first valentine was a poem sent in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife. He was imprisoned in the Tower of London at the time. In the United States, Miss Esther Howland is given credit for sending the first Valentine's Day cards. Commercial valentines were introduced in the 1800s and now the date is very commercialized. The town of Loveland, Colorado, does a large post office business around February 14.

HUGE INVENTORY!

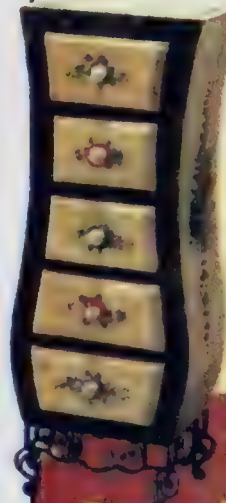


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To find out more about our local Big Brothers Big Sisters organization see page 20.

Info Evening About Alternative Education for County

Looking for an alternate educational alternative for your children? Join the Tall Oaks Christian Academy for a free information evening about this topic on February 10 at the Lakeside Baptist Church in Haliburton. This event is being hosted by 'Put the Word Into Action' Ministries.

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Childcare and refreshments provided. Everyone Welcome!!! For more information please contact Sandy Stevens at 457-9163.

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Have You Ever Wondered?...



Did Ol' West Style Gun-fights Ever Really Exsist?

Did Western gunfighters really face off one-on-one? Many movie and TV westerns have a climactic scene in which two men face each other on a street in a dusty town. There's a lightning fast draw of pistols, shots are fired, and the bad guy almost always dies. Did this sort of gunfight, with two men drawing on each other, really happen in the old west? Were there really gunfighters known for their fast pistol draws and accuracy?

Truth is, the archetypal one-on-one showdown is one of those fixed ideas that doesn't have much basis in fiction, let alone in fact. Although a few such confrontations did occur, the Wild West had no tradition of formal dueling—the more common approach was to get the drop on the other guy before he got the drop on you. On the other hand, some of what we might guess was showbiz razzle-dazzle—spinning pistols, for one thing—may actually be legit.

Or maybe not. The problem with sorting out old-west fact and fiction is that the mythmaking machinery was cranking from day one. Dime novels were relating the real or imagined exploits of figures like Wild Bill Hickok, Buffalo Bill, and the James brothers during their lifetimes. Journalists juiced up their accounts to sell more papers (can you imagine?), and ordinary folks and sometimes the participants themselves embellished the truth. Nonetheless, the following showdowns seem reasonably well attested:

Wild Bill Hickok...

In 1865 James Butler Hickok, better known as Wild Bill, quarreled with Davis Tutt in Springfield, Missouri, apparently over a debt. Around 6 PM on July 21, 1865, the two men advanced on each other in the town square, drew their guns at a range of 50 yards, and blasted away. Tutt missed; Hickok didn't; Tutt fell with a ball through the heart. Hickok was tried for manslaughter and acquitted. A sensational account of the incident appeared in *Harper's* in 1867, making Hickok a national celebrity. Scoffers then and since attacked the story's credibility, in part due to the seeming unlikelihood of hitting a man-sized target with a pistol at 50 yards in 1865, but sufficient evidence has now accumulated to indicate it happened roughly as described. Not that it matters. If only because of the publicity, the notion of lone gunfighters facing each other down became part of western lore.

The Gambling Gunfight...

On March 9, 1877, gamblers Jim Levy and Charlie Harrison argued over a game of cards in a saloon in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Levy challenged Harrison to take it outside, Harrison agreed, and the two squared off in the street. Western novelist James Reasoner claims in a recent issue of *Esquire* that this was "the most 'Hollywood' showdown"; I beg to differ. Harrison shot wild; Levy took more careful aim, plugged his man, then—in a decidedly unheroic touch—approached his fallen opponent and shot him again. (One

account claims Harrison fired at Levy while sprawled on the ground, but contemporary opinion held that Levy had shot a man while he was down.) Harrison died 13 days later. Levy tried for a repeat performance in 1882 when he quarreled with another gambler, John Murphy, in Tucson and challenged him to a showdown the next day, June 5. Shortly after midnight, though, Murphy and two friends spotted Levy in a doorway, decided there was no time like the present, and shot the unarmed man to death.

That was more typical of old west gun battles—a fair fight offered too great a chance that the guy starting it might get killed. Other parts of the myth are also, well, mythical. The quick draw from a holster was rare; more often the gunman carried his pistol in his pocket, his belt, or better yet his hand immediately prior to the commencement of hostilities. While some famous shootists were indeed nimble with their weapons—John Wesley Hardin, Billy the Kid, and Hickok are often cited in this regard—many say the importance of a quick draw has been exaggerated. Accuracy counted more than speed; keeping cool under fire was more important than both.

Still, some seemingly far-fetched elements of gunfighter lore can't be readily dismissed. In Tombstone, Arizona, in late 1880 Curly Bill Brocius fatally wounded Marshal Fred White. Rumor at the time had it that Brocius had made a show of surrendering his pistol butt first, then employed the "road agent's spin," twirling the gun into his hand so he could shoot the lawman. The rumor was unfounded; the shooting appears to have been an accident—but the maneuver itself was well-known, and no one seems to have doubted that gunfighters sometimes used it. Did they? Who knows? Tracking down the Wild West bull isn't easy when it's got such a long head start.

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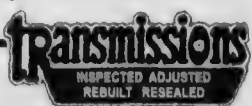
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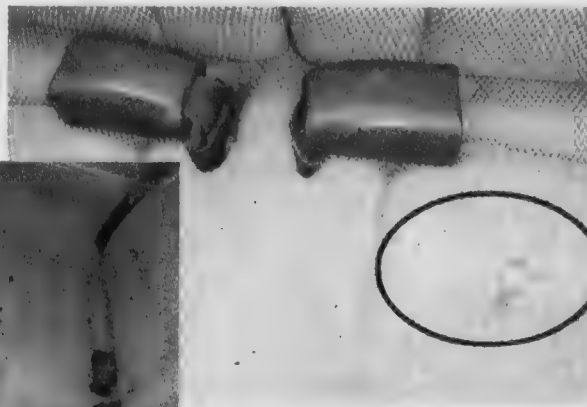
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Above you can see (circled) a large burn hole. After Louie was finished with it, (left) you can see the hole is gone, and the fabric is clean and brand new looking. The interior of the car was like new & hole free!!



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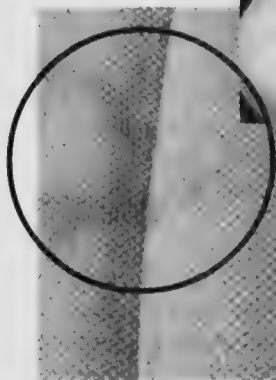
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In Fort Madison, firemen are required to practice for 15 minutes before attending a fire.



I Swear To Tell The Truth...

This column has tidbits of real transcripts from real court cases. In other words... the following statements were actually made in a real court of law. Enjoy...

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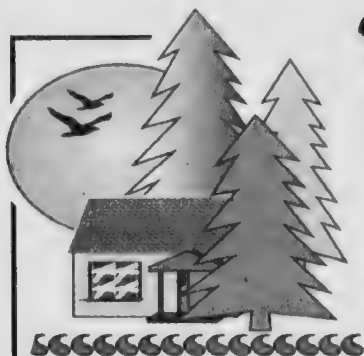
A: Yes.

Q: Did the defendant say anything when she got out of her car?

A: Yes, sir.

Q: What did she say?

A: What disco am I at?



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There are many businesses specializing in mediation services. The mediators are usually lawyers who have taken special courses in mediation. There are also retired judges who offer mediation services. Some mediators are known for their expertise in a particular area of the law, such as real estate or family law. The mediator is a neutral facilitator who will assist the parties in reaching their own settlement. The mediator does not provide an assessment of the merits of the issues in dispute unless requested to do so by all parties. He or she never offers legal advice since each party at the mediation has a lawyer present. However, the focus is not always on the legalities of the lawsuit and the parties are expected to take an active role in the mediation.

In order for a mediation to work, open and honest communications are essential. To encourage such communications, the parties and their lawyers are required to sign an agreement stating that all negotiations, documents submitted, and statements made in the course of the mediation are absolutely privileged, confidential, and without prejudice. If the mediation fails to settle the dispute, the parties must prove their claim and defence independent of the communications made in the course of the mediation.

A mediation brief is submitted by each party before the mediation. The mediation itself usually begins with a general round table discussion before the mediator. The parties may then break off into separate groups in different meeting rooms with the mediator, and later resume with a general meeting. The cost of a mediation for one-half a day can be in the neighbourhood of \$750.00 for the mediator's fees and board room facilities, shared equally between the parties. The cost is often worth the effort whether settlement is reached or not.

In the next column, I will be talking about using criminal decisions as evidence in civil proceedings.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters Very Active In Haliburton County

Come See Their New Location At Floyd Hall Insurance Building in Minden

The Big Brothers Big Sisters organization has been around for over 80 years and during that time has helped thousands upon thousands of kids from six to sixteen on their journey to adulthood. Most people think of Big Brothers as, well, just that: a big successful help agency that moves along happily under its own steam.

But that impression isn't quite true. Each individual agency is, in important ways, an independent entity. They all follow the policies and programs of the national group, and are monitored and provided certain services and programs by "head office." But when it comes down to the nitty gritty, i.e. funding, local agencies are more or less on their own.

Matching "Littles" with "Bigs"

In Haliburton, Big Brothers Big Sisters is really a small, com-



pact agency run by one part-timer, Case Manager Patty-Lou Robinson and an active, enthusiastic volunteer advisory committee. And, like all volunteer agencies, they need your help, your time, and yes, your money.

In fact, just recently Big Brothers found itself without even office space. Thankfully, the generous owners of Floyd Hall Insurance

have donated space for the foreseeable future in their Minden offices on Highway 35. Now if only if someone would donate a phone, Patty-Lou could really get to work!

Big Brothers Big Sisters has grown and changed with the times. In Haliburton, traditional "matches" between adults and children still form the basis for most of the work. Currently 14 "Littles" are matched with "Bigs." But there's always a need for more volunteers. Patty-Lou is in charge of matching, and the very rigorous screening process that all volunteers must understandably go through. And it's a real commitment: to be a "Big" you must be willing to spend at least three hours a week for a minimum of a year with your "Little."

In-School Mentoring Helps Boost Child's Self-Esteem and Confidence

But now there are other programs available, such as the very successful In-School Mentoring whereby a child between six and twelve, with the parent and school's approval, is matched with an adult Mentor. The Mentor and the child meet for one hour per week at the child's school during school hours. The goal of the friendship is "to assist the child in boosting their self-esteem and confidence." The Mentor and child might play board games, read, work on the computer, even cook or make crafts.

There's also a Couples for Kids programs, similar to the traditional match, but instead a couple is matched with one child for a unique two-to-one friendship. As well, there's a new Pilot Project in the works called E-Mentoring. Visits between Bigs and Littles will occur on the Internet using a chat room or e-mail. Kids who need computers will be provided with one, and appropriate parental controls put in place. The same extensive screening process will of course apply, and matches will be closely monitored.

The bond that forms between Bigs and Littles is really special. Don Geall has been a Big Brother for many years, first in the Peel Region and now in Haliburton. He still keeps in touch with some of his "Littles" he first met and helped out over 20

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Children's Water Festival "Making a Splash" in Haliburton – Muskoka

Thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation and a dedicated group of conservation minded partners, students throughout the Trillium Lakelands District School Board will have the opportunity to participate in an innovative program encouraging youth to be the stewards of our water resources.

A chèque was awarded to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, lead proponent for a collaboration of partners, in November of last year. The Ontario Trillium Foundation grant for \$25,000 will support the first annual Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival, to be held at the Kinark Outdoor Centre in Carnarvon from September 28th to 30th, 2005.

Originally the Leslie M. Frost Center was to be the host site and overall convener of the festival in the Fall of 2004 with over 1,600 students registered. The program is now proceeding at an alternative location this coming Fall, and the partners are confident that the additional time provided will strengthen and improve the first annual festival.



Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival

The project's many partners are working together in an effort to shape children's attitudes about the importance of water in their lives and its use, consumption and protection. The program will explore the concepts of water conservation, technology, protection and science. Students in grades 3 through 6 will visit a series of activity centres that are designed to be hands-on, stimulating and fun, while encouraging a further understanding of curriculum linked water concepts.

Volunteers & Supporters Needed

The Festival Steering Committee is confident that participants will become catalysts for change by taking information and a respect for water back to their school, home and community. Volunteers and sponsors are still needed to support the development and implementation of this program. To become a supporter, or for additional information, please contact Kyla Greenham, Festival Coordinator at 457-9664.

Many partners have contributed funding and in-kind support, including the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, Haliburton County Development Corporation, County of Haliburton, Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council, Environment Haliburton, Trillium Lakelands District School Board, Muskoka Watershed Council, and the Victoria Land and Water Stewardship Council.

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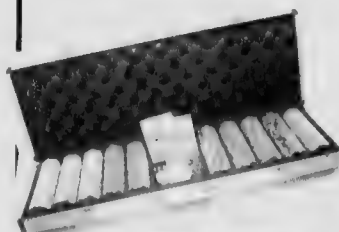
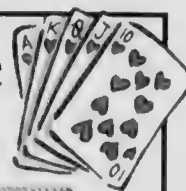
years ago. And the activities don't have to be elaborate or fancy. Don says, "just taking a kid fishing once a week during the summer can do wonders. You don't have to go to a movie or spend a lot of money. Just being with a youngster and talking, fishing, skiing, or swimming, that's really a big part of it."

Rawn Lougheed is another active volunteer and Big Sister who's seen first hand just how much Big Sistering can mean to a little girl. And Rawn's brother Scott and his wife Michelle, owners of Minden Lanes, have for years hosted the annual Bowl For Kids Sake Fundraiser. Speaking of which, this year's event takes place February 26th at the Minden Hills Lanes. This is a great fun time, with prizes for the best costume (this year come dressed in Duct Tape). You must book a lane early to avoid disappointment! Call Scott or Michelle at 286-1706 or Big Brothers Lindsay office at 705 324-6800 for more details.

The success of the Big Brother Big Sister movement is indisputable. The "Littles" graduate from high school at a rate 20% higher than the national average and 78% of kids who come from a social assistance background no longer rely on that form of income when they reach adulthood. At the moment, over 17,000 children are matched with adults one-to-one across the country, with over 7,000 kids on waiting lists.

If you can't be a volunteer, please consider helping Big Brothers in other ways. For instance, the phone line in Minden would be a great way to start. For further information, you can contact Patty-Lou through the Kawartha Lakes office at 705 324-6800. And don't forget the Bowl For Kids Sake on February 26th at the Minden Hills Lanes.

Get In On The Poker Frenzy!!

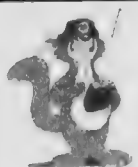


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Weird Weather in Texas... Local Residents Part of History...

Submitted by Jon Dannewald

Local resident Jon Dannewald and his wife Lois are enjoying their yearly vacation south, but this year, they found a little piece of home followed them to Texas... it's called snow -- and they actually encountered some where it shouldn't be.... Jon writes:

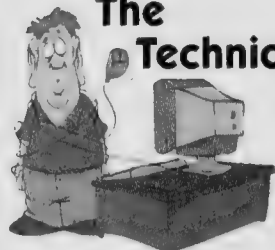
This is not a normal scene in the Valley where the average December temperatures are from 55 - 75. This is the first snowfall in the Rio Grande Valley since 1895.

Over 2" of snow fell and the temperature sank as low as 27 F. The citrus crop was not affected but some of the more exotic decorative plants suffered frost damage. The Winter Texans survived just fine but the locals, especially the children from the colonias around Nuevo Progreso, Mexico while at first marvelled at the novelty of snow soon found how cold and wet it can be. The Amigos de Los Ninos de Mexico (Lois and I are part of the group of 300 Winter Texans) hosted a Christmas Day party and

over 2700 children attended and shivered in the cold. The hot dogs wrapped in tortillas and the toys and candy helped warm them up. History was made in 2004 and we were part of it...



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Learn To Make Silver Wire Jewellery

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Erin Lynch of Bella's Bazaar studio is offering 2 silver wire jewellery workshops.

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Workshops take place in her studio/home 3 km outside of Haliburton. The cost is \$50 per class and includes use of all tools and materials. Space is limited. For more information or to register call 457-5392 or e-mail ironicluddites@sympatico.ca



bad predictions

"The use of aircraft over water has much to be said for it. They present, however, one tremendous difficulty. To get off the ground with the weight of passengers, freight, mail and fuel with which they would be loaded requires a landing field of gargantuan proportions. Certainly there are no fields today in either the U.S. or Europe which could accommodate such a plane. And it may be impracticable ever to build them."

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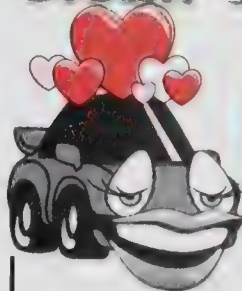
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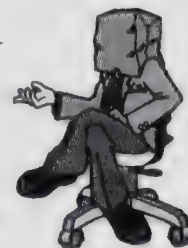
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You Know How The Saying Goes....

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After years and years of torment, Onestone finally cracked and said, "If anyone calls me Onestone again I will kill them!"

The word got around and nobody called him that any more. Then one day a young girl named Blue Bird forgot and said, "Good morning, Onestone..."

He jumped up, grabbed her, and took her deep into the forest where he made love to her all day and all night. He made love to her all the next day, until Blue Bird died from exhaustion.

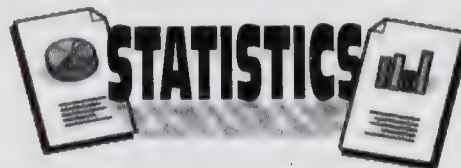
The word got around that Onestone meant serious business.

Years went by and no one dared call him by his given name until a woman named Yellow Bird returned to the village after being away for many years. Yellow Bird, who was Blue Bird's cousin, was overjoyed when she saw Onestone. She hugged him and said, "Good to see you, Onestone..."

Onestone grabbed her, took her deep into the forest, then he made love to her all day, and all night and again all the next day and night... but, Yellow Bird wouldn't die!

What is the moral of this story???

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Store in Haliburton and check out this new and unique art called "The Comic Art of Guillermo Forchino". We stumbled

across it in the store and it's amazing. Here are some pictures of a few pieces, but you really need to see it up close for yourself. There is such detail as tattoos and jewelry on the subjects and auto parts that truly show the artists craftsmanship. Each item is individually numbered and identified with a stamp on the bottom. These collectors items are sure to be a major conversation piece around someone's home. Check them out.

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They have an extensive and extremely loyal clientele of residents and cottagers almost all of whom appear on the walls of the Café's main dining room in pictures taken over the years by Sandy. But don't worry, there's no room left so newcomers may easily escape without a picture – unless you really want one.

Italo provides the traditional cuisine of his native Abruzzi region on Italy's Adriatic Coast. He's been in the restaurant business for over 30 years, starting with his first restaurant in Munich, and going from there to Rome, Montreal, Toronto, and finally Haliburton, where Sandy's father is retired. Italo understands that a restaurant doesn't have to be all things to all people to be suc-



cessful. So no pizza, for example, but lots of pastas including home-made Tortellini and Medaglione and a terrific Spaghetti "Amatriciana", a traditional pasta sauce of tomatoes and bacon from the Abruzzi.

The meat dishes are heavy on veal, light on steak. Italo's veal dishes, Milanese, Parmiggiana, Scaloppini or Pizzaiola, are always fresh. His veal comes from just one source, a supplier/butcher who's served the restaurant from the beginning. And the list of pastas is impressive: Aglio Olio, Pomodoro, the traditional Bolognese,

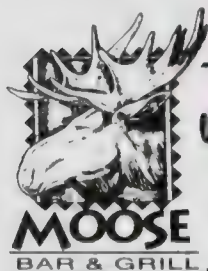
Puttanesca and a great Carbonara.

Fresh fish is also served daily, as well as a Pasta Pescatore when supplies are available.

The Corner Café is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner six days a week during the winter (closed Tuesdays) and is

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Kids Open Jam Kicked Off Season With Guest Appearance from Carl Dixon of April Wine

On Sunday, Jan.30, the Kids Open Stage resumed at the Lounge Café and kicking off this season was Special Guest

Host Carl Dixon, who is currently touring with that great Canadian band April Wine. Carl has been busy touring as a member of April Wine, while opening their shows with his own solo acoustic set. Carl has released a live recording on cd, titled "One Voice, Two Hands"



The 'Kids Open Stage' is for ages 2yrs. To 12 yrs. young!!! You can come and perform or just come to listen!!! There are 10-15 performing spots each Open Stage Day, and some musical instruments are provided.

They welcome magicians, musicians, dancers, storytellers, etc. This event is held the last Sunday of each month.

To book instruments or sign up, call Mark at 489-3311. Hey, and who knows who will pop in to join the jam.



The Music Scene What's Happening Locally

Open Stage night is Feb 5th & 19 at the Lounge Café in Carnarvon. Come on out and join in and be the entertainment, or sit back and watch it – it's all good!! Starts at 8 p.m.

And if you like great live music, be sure to head to Carnarvon Bowl on Feb. 12th to see 'Ya Baby's' live on stage. This is also a fund raiser for the Dance Arts – so on top of seeing a great band, you will be helping a great cause – and having a great time doing it. Local band, Strange Brew will be opening for Ya Baby's. You won't want to miss it.

March 4th – The Gordie Tentrees Band is performing at the Lounge Café.

March 12th – Join Rabid Dogs in an intimate performance at the Lounge Café.

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When the man arrived at work, his secretary greeted him with a 'Happy Birthday' and a hug. He was happy someone remembered. At noon the secretary suggested they go for lunch- she was treating. The two had a nice lunch at an intimate diner and celebrated his birthday with a few martinis. On the way back to the office, the secretary suggested that it was too nice a day to go back to work, so why not go back to her apartment for a few more martinis. She had all the ingredients to make them. Sure he thought. This is fun and she's kind of cute too.

The two were back at her apartment having a drink, and after a cigarette she asked to be excused to the bedroom to change into "something more comfortable". A few minutes later the bedroom door opened, and out came the secretary, the office staff, and the man's wife and two kids with a birthday cake singing 'Happy Birthday'. To everyone's shock, there on the living room couch laid the man in his birthday suit. (Not Good!)

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For all you love birds out there who love to dance, you're getting a bonus this year. The Haliburton legion is holding a "Sweetheart Dance" on February 19th at the Legion. The dance is on the weekend following Valentines, due to prior arrangements for the facilities during the prior weekend.

"We're trying to promote lovers this year," says organizer Joan Irish. "So we've got lots of prizes to give including five 'dinner for 2' packages at local restaurants. There will also be lots of door prizes and dance prizes."

The dance will feature the live entertainment of 'Willy and The Poor Boys' who are a popular dance group, assures Joan. The admission is \$30 per couple and \$15, singles and includes a hot and cold buffet. Dance runs from 9 p.m to 1 a.m, is open to all and has a cash bar of course. The event is smoke free. For more info call the legion.



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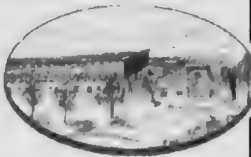
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Maori Dance Theatre comes to Razzamataz Kids' Shows!

By Jennifer Paton



Are you ready for something completely different? On Sunday, March 6, the Northern Lights Pavilion will echo with the songs and rhythms of the aboriginal Maori people of New Zealand. Razzamataz Kids' Shows! is excited to present the Kahurangi Maori Dance Theatre at 2 p.m.

"The People of the Pacific" is a dazzling, rhythmic spectacle, bringing to life the traditional songs and dances of the Maori. In addition to pieces from New Zealand, young audiences will be thrilled by the choreography, music and colourful costumes from Tahiti, Hawaii, Samoa and the Cook Islands. Expect colourful tattoo makeup, reed skirts and energetic dancing and jumping to be part of the fun!



The 6 performers are young Maori men and women who have trained extensively with the Takitimu Performing Arts school in South Hastings, New Zealand. The company has the dual function of educating the rest of the world about Maori culture, while providing employment for young Maori artists.

Razzamataz is grateful to the Haliburton Rotary Club, Floyd Hall Insurance and V&S Stedmans for generously sponsoring this performance. In addition, Delta Pinestone Resort and the Lakeview Motel have donated accommodations for the performers, so they can experience Haliburton hospitality.

Tickets are available at the door for \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. (Those under 2 are always free.) For information call Amy Klose 457-4266 or Stacey Bennett 286-4511. And check out our fabulous new website at www.razzamataz.ca

**How come Superman could stop bullets
with his chest, but always ducked when
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On the Shores of St. Nora - A CD Celebrating The Leslie Frost Centre

A new CD by David Archibald celebrating the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre, the Forest Ranger School and the Haliburton Highlands is now available for purchase.

Join singer/songwriter David Archibald in a tribute to the life, lore and landscapes of the Frost Centre and the Haliburton Highlands. Discover the majestic white pines and ancient hemlocks of the Haliburton Highlands. Find yourself in a 1950s' classroom at the Forest Ranger School. Smell the smoke from the fire tower. Take a walk through a shelter wood forest. Meet a local hero who knows his sewage. Titles include: "St. Nora's Tower," "Before Champlain," "Dr. Sludge," "ShelterWood," "S.O.S. (Save Our Sturgeon)", Ranger School Days and more.



Toronto, but returned to the Highlands to recapture the hearts of the community last summer in her role as Maria in the Highlands Summer Festival Production of "The Sound of Music". Melissa Stephens, well-known choir-master and music director for "The Sound of Music" and performer in the Highlands Summer Festival's annual chamber music concerts, will accompany her. Both artists were excited about sharing the stage with David Archibald to help launch this CD and bring attention to the Frost Centre cause.

St. Nora's Tower - An Evening with David Archibald and Friends

With special guests Kate Campbell and Melissa Stephens

Join in a special evening for the launch of David Archibald's new CD, *St Nora's Tower* and a rousing multi-media musical tribute to the life, lore, and landscapes of the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre.

The entertaining evening takes place Saturday, February 19 beginning at 8 p.m. at the Northern Lights Theatre in Haliburton. The cost is \$15 per person. The event is sponsored by Perma Frost and the Friends of the Frost Centre. Proceeds from the evening go to CD production and efforts to re-open the Frost Centre.

Tickets can be purchased at: The Haliburton Echo, Minden Times, Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network in Carnarvon, or from Barrie Martin at 754-3436, or email barrie.martin@sympatico.ca.

The new CD, *St Nora's Tower* features ten original songs written and performed by singer/songwriter David Archibald. Ranging from the poignant to humorous, David's compositions take you to a special place. Discover the majestic white pines and ancient hemlocks of the Haliburton Highlands in "Before Champlain" "Ranger School Days" will put you in a 1950's classroom at the Forest Ranger School. Smell the smoke from "St. Nora's Tower". Take a walk through hardwood forest in "Shelter Wood". Meet "Dr. Sludge," a local hero who knows his sewage. And there is much more. David will also perform songs from his musical *The Perilous Pirate's Daughter* (co-written by Anne Chislett), a preview of what is coming to the 2005 Haliburton Highlands Summer Festival. David's new CD and Frost Centre retail items of "unbelievable value" will be on hand for sale and raffle. Goodies and refreshments will also be available.

Appearing with David will be singer Kate Campbell and pianist Melissa Stephens. Kate is pursuing a career in acting in



More about David Archibald

An engaging and energetic performer, David Archibald has recorded on RCA and written for and performed on *Sesame Street* and *Mr. Dressup*. His new musical *Love and Larceny* (co-written by Douglas Bowie) is on the playbill at the Thousand Islands Playhouse this summer. Archibald's other recent musical *The Perilous Pirate's Daughter* (co-written by Anne Chislett) was performed at the Blyth Festival and the Thousand Islands Playhouse in 2003 and will be in Haliburton Highlands Summer festival in 2005. David was

the producer on pop-star Avril Lavigne's first recording session. He is also a familiar voice on CBC radio. His multi-media shows include: *Spirit of the Inland Sea* (Great Lakes marine heritage), *Farmsteads to Frontlines* (rural Ontario's involvement in global conflicts), *Legends and Lore of the Charleston Shore* (cultural heritage of Charleston Lake Provincial Park) and *On the Shore of St. Nora* (a celebration of the Frost Centre). He has had his compositions performed by the Kingston Symphony and has written and performed a one-person show entitled *Schubert: The Man and His Music* with the Genesee Symphony in New York. His discography also includes *Titanic - Pride of the White*

Star Line and *Savanna, Sand & Butterflies*. David recently helped students of Superior's North Shore write, perform and record songs (*Gulo gulo* - a Superior Learning Experience) about Pukaskwa National park

You can order *On the Shores of St. Nora*, a CD by David Archibald by sending \$18 per cd, plus GST & PST plus \$4 for shipping and handling to: Barrie Martin, c/o Friends of the Frost Centre 1344 Barry Line, R.R.# 1 Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0. For more information: contact Barrie Martin at 705-754-3436 or barrie.martin@sympatico.ca.

Recreating The Experience Of Being Outside

Karl Hamilton is a man with a mission: "I'm trying to recreate the experience of being outside, to recreate the sounds of the wilderness, far from any human noise." Which isn't nearly as simple as you might think.

Karl is a professional sound technician and audio artist who first started working with nature sounds real and synthesized in the 1970s. The proud owner of a 1860s log house on the Scotch Line near Minden, Karl has always had a love of nature and the complexity of wilderness sounds. "People often think that nature sounds come from just one source: for instance, when the loon cries, you naturally think the sound comes directly to your ear from the loons lungs."

"In fact, that loon cry is hitting your ears from all over: the sound is reflected off the water, off the shoreline, the trees, even the wind itself. So to recreate that sound accurately and faithfully, you can't just set up one microphone and record the one sound."

Karl is the founder and creator of Nature Sounds, which produces and distributes his own meticulously crafted audio C-Ds — "Soundscapes of the North Eastern Woods." He first got the idea of recreating the sounds of the wilderness while listening to a great thunderstorm outside his house, which sits between two gentle hills. He realized that the hills were acting as a kind of natural audio device, echoing and muting the sounds of the thunder. So he decided to record a thunderstorm utilizing different takes, different sound angles and different times.

Much like a documentary film or video maker produces a one-hour show out of hundreds of hours of film, so Karl created an amazing audio show piecing together hours of tape of many different storms. He then uploaded his finished product to a website that specialized in sound effects. His "Thunderstorm" proceeded to be "Number One" on the sound effects chart for Mp3.com for a number of years. As Karl puts it, "this soundscape was made for those who want their thunder and WANT IT NOW! Crash! Bang! Boom!"

This success led Karl to create nature recordings of even

greater complexity and scope. He's learned to choose his sites very carefully: a stream running through a field sounds very different from a stream running through woods, and if you're recording a love-sick frog, for example, this can be very important.

The work is painstaking and agonizingly detailed. From the original recordings Karl fashions his finished product layer after layer, effect after effect. Loops of random sounds provide texture and richness, much like the detail in a complex painting, which is often not appreciated at first look, or listen.

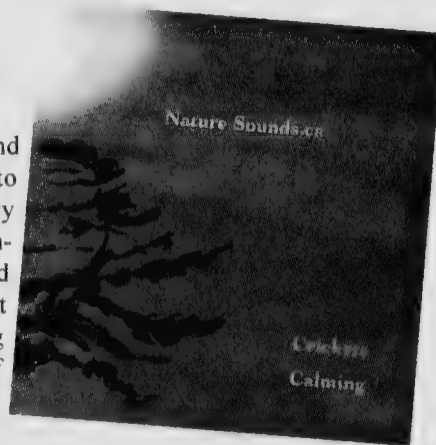
By the fall of 2002 Karl had finished his "Spiritual Serendipities" CD featuring 14 tracks with titles as varied as "Raven Winds His Clock" to "Winter Wingscape" and "A Froggie Went a Wooing." Karl sees his creations as a kind of music that can express a full range

of emotions and feelings. Yet no musical instruments are included, and of course no "man-made" sounds of any kind.

Later this month Karl will debut his brand new CD "Crickets Calming" featuring the incredibly varied sounds of crickets and tree frogs in summer woods and fields. Karl feels nature-sound deprived during winter — he describes it as "losing our organic grounding" and hopes this new cd will fill the gap until summer returns. And during this winter, as we all know, we sure need some hope to get to that Promised Land!

Last fall Karl introduced his imaginative and useful website, www.naturesounds.ca where you can not only buy his CDs at a very reasonable price, but also download for free many other soundscapes, including his original "Thunderstorm". His "Spiritual Serendipities" CD was remixed and remastered for the occasion. You owe it to yourself to take a look, and a listen. You're also welcome to preview individual tracks from his CDs. And don't forget, as Karl says on the website: "It is our opinion that there is music in the sigh of the wind, the dancing of leaves, the chorusing of crickets, as well as the soliloquy of the songbird."

Karl's cds are also available at Whispers North Gallery and Gifts.



Highlands Little Theatre presents "NEVER SUCH INNOCENCE AGAIN"

A play in 2 acts written by Michael Fay
Directed by Caryl Miller
Production dates March 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th 2005
At the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion

Ada into a tryst while urging the young men to go to war.

The play highlights the delicate flowering of romance for the two young couples, Lila and John and Robert

and Vera. At the same time, Tom

Never Such Innocence Again is a moving play set in the Highlands on August 4, 1914 – the weekend before the start of World War I. This terrible war was to impact the lives of all the characters in the play in ways they could never imagine.

It has been written with sensitivity, humour and great attention to detail.

Much research has been done to ensure that the story and costumes are historically accurate.

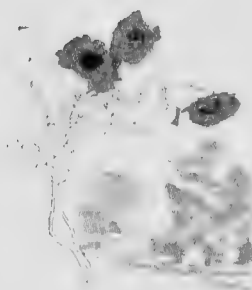
The play is presently competing for the coveted Samuel French (Canada) Canadian Playwrights Contest for original, unpublished plays. It is also entered in the 2005 Eastern Ontario Drama League Festival in April, 2005.

This will be the first full production of the play.

Michael Fay has been writing for over twenty years. He worked as a professional journalist in the seventies and eighties and was twice elected President of the Periodical Writers Association of Canada. Never Such Innocence Again is his first play. Michael has read extensively on the history of the County and the history of World War I. The result is an exquisite portrayal of life in the Highlands in 1914 during "La Belle Époque".

Caryl Miller is a founder of the Highlands Little Theatre and has been seen on stage with them over many years. She has also directed many of their productions. Caryl directed the workshop production of Never Such Innocence in spring, 2004 which was very well received.

Never Such Innocence Again revolves around two families, confronted with decisions about the war on the horizon. Ada manages a resort in the highlands with the help of her children, Robert, Lila and Tom. She is visited by her old friend Nan, the sister-in-law of the Minister of War, along with her daughter Vera and son John. Mr. Willoughby joins them, an associate of the Minister; a financier, and the new owner of the resort. Willoughby tries to use his new position to entice



"Worth Seeing"... A Review by Jack Brezina.

Written by Minden area author, Michael Fay, "Never Such Innocence Again" portrays a poignant period just before the start of World War One, when life was good and the future never looked brighter. Michael has captured this idyllic period of innocence and sharply contrasted it with the grim reality that was about to sweep across the western world between 1914 and 1919. I saw this play produced in workshop last February, and was impressed with it then. Since its first staging, the author has reworked the script and the Highlands Little Theatre crew has put its heart and soul into this project. I think you should see this play for any number of reasons: 1. It is written by a Highlands author; 2. It is set in the Haliburton Highlands. 3. It is being produced by Highlands Little theatre, using local skills and talents. 4. While the setting is 1914, the story has a contemporary message. 5. It's a damn good, well told story.

yearns to go off to fight the dreaded 'Hun' while Vera refuses to accept that war is inevitable.

The mighty wind of war that was to tear through Europe, sweeping away a safe and ordered world, would lay waste an entire generation, including the young men and women of the Highlands.

Organizers are hoping to present the play, along with a facilitated dialogue director, and cast, in a

with the playwright,

special matinee performance on Wed. 2nd March for students of the Trillium Lakelands School Board.



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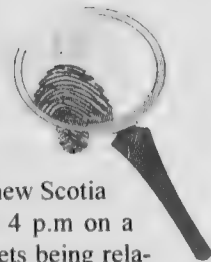
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Who Dun-It



Constable Gelert stood in front of the brand new Scotia Bank building in Downtown Ottawa. It was 4 p.m on a midsummer's day. Gelert was used to the streets being relatively quiet at this time of day in Haliburton County, but here in the city there was still a hustle and bustle of activity. He was regretting his move to the city, but he knew it was the only real way to make sergeant one day.

The sun lit up the south and west sides of the building causing Gelert to squint. A marvelous building he thought to himself, no doubt about it. The building was over 40 stories high. Unlike the sides of the building, which were all copper tones, the front of the building was all glass, although it also had a hint of copper tone in the glass. There was definitely nothing like this in Haliburton, he thought to himself. Well, back to the robbery case he was investigating.

It happened directly in front of the new bank building moments earlier. There were no witnesses. Only testimony from the woman who had been robbed. She was a clerk at a nearby hardware store, who was robbed while taking a cash deposit to the bank earlier. She had almost made it into the bank when the alleged robber came up from behind her and put a gun in her back. "He said don't move or you're finished," said Lisa Lyor. "He told me to pass him back the deposit bag, then walk straight in to the bank. He said if I even thought to look back at him I was dead. What was I to do? I walked a few steps into the bank, and then went directly over to the security desk. When the security looked for him he was long gone. I never got a look at him, I only remember his voice. He sounded like that actor. Your know who I mean. He was Darth Vader in Star Wars. James Earl Jones! That's who he sounded like," explained Lisa.

Gelert sighed. He found himself doing lots of that lately. He was sure this crime would not have happened in the Highlands. He looked at Lisa, who was chewing bubble gum and looking around. He wondered if he should just put some pressure on Lisa or arrest her to get her to tell the truth.

Gelert had detected a flaw in Lisa's story. What was it?

answer pg. 46...

Case of the Big City Caper

**If it is zero degrees outside today, and it
is supposed to be twice as cold tomorrow,
how cold is it going to be?**

Highlands Male Chorus Presents "A Winter Interlude"

Get ready to enjoy a captivating performance by our very own Highlands Male Chorus who are proud to present "A Winter Interlude".

Music will fill the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Sunday February 13 – at 2:30 pm. Tickets are reserved seating and are \$15.00 per person.

Tickets are now on sale and are available at Kitchens Etcetera, Haliburton and Pharmasave Drug Store, Minden.



Members of the Highlands Male Chorus are pictured at one of their recent practices - getting ready for their big show - their second ever in fact, that takes place February 13th.



Who is the Highlands Male Chorus?

A group of men from the Messiah Choir thought they would like to have a Male Chorus Choir. They asked Melissa Stevens if she would direct their choir if it were formed. Her reply was yes, if they did all the organizing and gathering of members.

This was done in June of 2003 and their first executive meeting was in July. They recruited singers (about 35 in total) from the Messiah Choir, The Gentlemen of Song, and other singers from throughout the county. They also brought on board, Pianist Betty Mills.

By the fall of 2003, rehearsals began, and by the winter the group performed their first concert. It, of course, was a great success.

The upcoming performance on Sunday, February 13, is their second concert. Be sure not to miss this wonderful group of men – you will be guaranteed a delightful and entertaining afternoon.

Dorset Young Writer Winners

The Dorset Snowball Young Writers' and Teens' Short Story and Poetry Contest winners will be announced on February 19th at the Dorset Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library, with winning writers reading their works, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on February 19th (during the Dorset Snowball), followed by an open mic for young writers.

Head To The Dorset Winter Carnival in February

For a great time and some wickedly fun activities, be sure to head to Dorset on February 18th & 19th for their annual Winter Snowball Carnival. There is so much to do and see and it's always a great family fun time.

The festivities begin Friday evening with a family skating party with music & face painting, a broomball tournament and more! Saturday's events include a pancake breakfast, a parade, horse drawn wagon rides, Mini-Snowmobile rides, displays and demonstrations, a craft sale, dog sled rides for kids and adults, children's games, food, music and more.

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Crime Flashback

by Max Haines

THE OFFICIAL NAME "Associated Livestock Growers of Ontario" sounded too pompous. Shortening it to "Algo Sunderland Limited" didn't help much, but when John Laun came up with "Piggyland," he instinctively knew he had a winner.

Laun arrived in Toronto in 1952. He spoke seven languages and could charm the bird out of the trees or, if you like, the pigs out of their pens. A year after his arrival, he opened his own business selling a plastic which he claimed was stronger and clearer than glass. Within a year, the venture went belly up.

Resilient as a rubber cheque, Laun next opened a business to help inventors to get their products to market. He called it Canadian Inventive and Scientific Associated Ltd. C.I.S.A. went bankrupt after Laun spent most of one year attempting to sell the Canadian government a paint that would make submarines invisible.

In 1957, Laun declared personal bankruptcy. Who knows how far this man would have gone had credit cards been in common use during his heyday.

In 1962, Laun organized Piggyland, about 80 km north of Toronto, in Sunderland. The scheme was fabulous, the ads tantalizing. All you had to do was purchase a sow for \$92 and six months' feed for \$45. Presto, you were an armchair farmer. The ads guaranteed a profit of \$60 per sow after only six months. Alternately, the nouveau farmer could accept the market price for the sale of the sow and her 20 piglets, give or take a piglet or two. What's more, on a sunny Sunday, you could drive up to Sunderland and observe your very own pig at work and play. Kids got free ice cream.

Most investors, city folk who didn't know a pig from a football, decided not to sell or take guaranteed profits. They left their sows at Piggyland to wallow and procreate, believing that eventually they would have a veritable herd of oinking pigs they could call their very own.

Considering that some people, like Joseph Parkas of Cleveland, Ohio, invested over \$80,000 and George Seid of Toronto tossed \$24,000 into the pen, you can see that Piggyland was no small operation.

PIGGYLAND LOOKED PROSPEROUS

Cautious investors checked out Piggyland with the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture and the Better Business Bureau. They were told that while Piggyland was a new venture, there was nothing derogatory on record about the company.

Piggyland looked prosperous. Each evening, floodlights illuminated the entire complex. Never had pigs been showcased in such an elaborate setting. The only squeal came from Peter Beekmann, a

qualified swine specialist from Germany. A few days after arriving in Canada on April 11, 1961, he obtained employment at Piggyland for \$300 per month plus room and board. Beekmann couldn't believe his eyes. According to Piggyland records, there should have been at least 10,000 sows on the property. He counted 1,500. There was also the influx of money for feed. Investors were paying \$7.50 per month to feed pigs which didn't exist.

The animals that did exist were kept in unheated pens and were poorly fed. Many were near death. Hundreds had been plowed into shallow graves. Beekmann, believing that Laun was unaware of the horrible conditions at Piggyland, contacted him. Instead of being shocked, Laun offered to double Beekmann's salary to \$600 per month.

Beekmann quit at the end of the month. He attempted to blow the whistle on Laun, but no one would listen. He contacted the German newspaper, the *Torontoer Zeitung*, which ran Piggyland ads and complimentary editorials. Beekmann was told he was new in the coun-

try and not to make waves. He next spoke to the Dept. of Agriculture. A lawyer there listened but didn't take any action. Frustrated, Beekmann called the Ontario Provincial Police. They advised him that no law had been broken and that they were powerless to act.

Everyone listened on March 1, 1962. That's the day Piggyland went bankrupt and John Laun was unavailable for

comment. He had taken a sudden business trip to Germany.

The fat was in the fire. Instead of the 18,000 sows, bought and paid for by gullible investors, there were only 1,500 sows on the Piggyland property. Many were in such poor condition, they had to be destroyed.

INVESTORS' MONEY

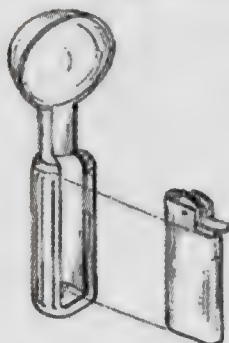
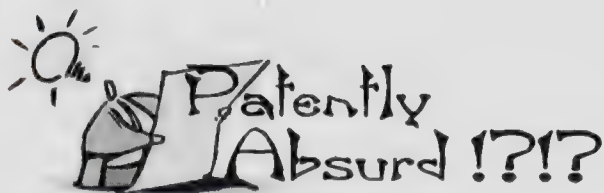
How had Laun initially financed the operation? Let's see now. First, he set up J.L. Research Ltd. and Tula Construction Ltd. He bought the Sunderland property for \$18,000 which he had borrowed personally. He immediately sold the land to Piggyland for \$85,000 using investor's money to swing the purchase. Tula Construction built Piggyland at a huge profit, again using investors' money.

In all, there were 1,135 investors. Some had purchased a lone porker, while others had invested their life savings in Piggyland. Over 90% of the investors were city folk. Many had never seen a live pig. Most never visited the site. Those who did found nothing wrong. The pen areas were always cleaned up for Sunday visitors.

The visitors had no idea of the total number of investors and were always impressed with the large number of grunting porkers in the pens.

Crime Flashback cont'd... pg. 35...





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...wherein the handle includes a heating assembly mounting a heating cartridge directing heated air supply between the interior and exterior walls of the scoop.

Crime Flashback cont'd...

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Dunwoodco Ltd. was appointed trustee to handle the bankrupt affairs of Piggyland. Over \$2,648,000 had been invested by would be armchair farmers. Net monies available to creditors after assets were auctioned amounted to \$25,951. The creditors received 1 cents on every dollar invested.

Whatever happened to the elusive Mr. Laun? He never did return from his unexpected business trip to Germany. However, in 1965, he was picked up in Barcelona, Spain, where he was detained at the request of Canadian authorities. Released on bail, he skipped and is believed to be living in east Germany.

It is estimated that John Laun left Canada with approximately \$1 million of investors' money.

Pictured on pg. 34...

JOHN LAUN owned the rustic property Piggyland near Sunderland, Ont. Investors, many from Toronto, were told they could purchase a pig for less than \$100 — and reap the benefits. Pictured is a sketch of the property and below that is a picture of John Laun.



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Dumb Criminals

A POOR JUDGE OF CHARACTER:

Okay — this one isn't necessarily about dumb criminals, but it does involve criminals and definitely someone who was completely dumb... Keep reading... you'll get it...



A group of people waiting for their court appearances on various traffic violations in Sanford, Fla., were arrested after the judge for their cases got tired of waiting for them to show up. As it happened, they had been told to wait in the wrong courtroom. Judge John R. Sloop ordered seven people arrested one day, and 11 the next, for doing what they were told. They were held for more than eight hours, including one man who was jailed for three days, even after the judge was told what happened. Chief Judge James Perry invalidated all 18 arrests, expunged the records, and relieved Judge Sloop from criminal case duty, assigning him instead to civil court duty.

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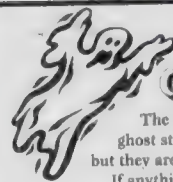
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GHOST STORIES

The following is a fun little column for those who like ghost stories... Whether these are true or not we don't know, but they are stories told by those who believe they saw real ghosts!! If anything, they do make for interesting little stories... enjoy...

Deep in the heart of Toronto stands a castle. Well, it's a true castle in design, but not in age. It was built in the early 20th Century.

Casa Loma Home To More Than Historic Treasures

In 1911, Sir Henry Pellat, a Toronto businessman, hired E.J. Lennox, the famous architect, to design and build a castle. Sir Henry hoped to lure royalty to the City of Toronto. The castle was completed in 1914.



Sir Henry Pellat

Unlike homes of that era (time), the castle had electricity, indoor plumbing, a central vacuum and its very own telephone exchange. There were fifty-nine telephones in Casa Loma. More calls were made in the castle each day than in the entire City of Toronto.

The total cost of Casa Loma was 3.5 million dollars. Sir Henry spent another 1.5 million on furnishings. Within nine years, Sir Henry was broke. He signed the castle over to the City of Toronto for unpaid taxes.

While he lived in Casa Loma, Sir Henry owned a stable of fine horses. He didn't like people near them, so he often took them through an underground tunnel to other areas of the grounds. People touring Casa Loma say this tunnel is haunted. They get spooky feelings while walking through it. Some have even reported seeing horses there.



Reports of ghosts or spirits in the carriage house are frequent. People get "strange" feelings when approaching. Some say they've been shoved or pushed on the stairs that lead up to the living quarters. Others claim they were grabbed by the neck. Some run screaming

from the building. Hundreds tour the carriage house without encountering unknown entities (ghost or spirits).

Lady Pellat died in the castle. It is said her spirit roams her bedroom, the Library and the Conservatory. Ghosts have also been reported in Peacock Alley, which stretches from the Conservatory to the Great Hall.

The carriage house has the most reports of hauntings, then The Norman and The Scottish Towers. It seems that Casa Loma has many uninvited guests in the rooms, halls and buildings of its grounds.

For the first time in its history, Casa Loma is opened its doors last fall for Ghost Tours. Casa Loma is rarely open to the public after dark. This was a once in a lifetime experience for all those who weren't afraid to meet Casa Loma's spooky residents. Can't say if they are planning an encore this year – if you are truly interested in a good local scare, give them a call just prior Halloween.



Spot The Differences

Can you spot the 11 differences in these two pictures?



Ball on man's hat bigger • Top part of kids pole gone
Kid's ski's longer • Snowflake nears man's mouth missing
Buckle on man's boot missing • Line on man's hat near tip gone
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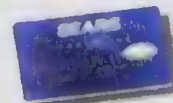
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Family Services Features:

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"I first called Family Services because I was worried about the way my baby was developing at eight months: I thought she might have a problem, the way she was using her hands and fingers," says Kelly, a single mom with a daughter now 17 months old.

"Within a few days Claire came to see us. It turned out there was nothing wrong with Baby Chantelle's skills or development at all. But since then Claire has taught me so much about how to communicate with my baby, when to

play and when to let her alone. I know I'm a much better parent because of her. Claire showed me how to understand

my baby's feelings and even how to listen to her words."

"Claire" is Claire Sylvan, an infant development worker with Family Services. Claire has been working with infants and their families in Haliburton County for almost 20 years, and says that she "still feels humbled and privileged to be able to become an intimate part of so many family's lives." Claire gets to meet her tiny clients and their parents or caregivers when she's called in to help either by the family, or when she's referred by a public health nurse or a doctor.

Often parents just want to get answers to some simple-sounding questions, like "Why isn't my baby rolling over at eight months?" or "Why can't she speak at two years?" or "He's one year old and he just doesn't communicate." When Claire assesses a baby's development and needs she's really looking at the entire family dynamic: often "communication" is at the core of many problems. "A baby's ability to communicate is intimately tied to its social and emotional development: if a family's overwhelmed by circumstance there can be a real lack of communication and if baby's attempts to communicate aren't responded to, those attempts can just die out."

Claire works with the whole family, a journey that is intimate and often uncomfortable at first. "But within that struggle are the seeds of what will help eventually. My job is to find those seeds of hope within the family: I'm a fellow explorer, and when we begin to find solutions and answers it's truly magic!"

"And when we look back, we can see that, amazingly, it was there all along."

But the journey often isn't easy: parents must sometimes confront their own pasts and childhoods in order to understand their own relationships with their children. Passing on problems

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Don't Be Afraid To Call Family Services... They Are Here To Help You, Not Blame You...

...from pg. 39

is natural and human, and avoiding it takes a lot a knowledge and courage. But Claire has such empathy for the problems all parents go through, and such in depth understanding of the nature of children that you can easily understand why she's so full of hope.

Kelly, Chantelle's Mom, says "a lot of parents are afraid to call Family Services, they think they've done something wrong, as if they're going to be punished. People have to understand that Family Services are there to help, not to blame you, or take your kids, or anything like that." Claire says that often her job is simply to reassure parents that they really do know what they're doing: "Families usually instinctively know this stuff: we just have to find a way of revealing it, of getting it out."

The job is also sometimes very distressing and emotionally challenging. Abuse in all its forms, emotional, physical, sexual, is a factor in many family's lives and must be addressed along with any help with actual parenting. But most of the time Claire can concentrate on that magical job of interpreting baby to mom or dad, and vice versa. Her vast experience with infants and their families makes a huge difference to parents new and old. To add to her clinical and academic experience, Claire recently completed the Infant Mental Health Certificate Program.

Along with colleagues from the Early Years Centre, Claire also leads the ever-popular Mother Goose Program in sites around the County. Through nursery rhymes and song, parents and children create some wonderful fun, outside the home and in addition get to meet fellow parents and neighbours.

Claire always emphasizes her sense of hope to her clients, babies and parents alike. "I never underestimate how much hope there really is for babies and their parents: it's just so important to take a positive view of your child. They truly are miraculous beings."

Parenting is as tough and wonderful a job as exists in this world. And if you think you might need some help with your own personal miracle, Family Services and Claire Sylvan are there to help. They can be reached at 705 457-5345.



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Participants wear devices that simulate the limitations caused by aging and disabilities, then complete a number of activities. This workshop will truly change the way you view your clients.

The workshop is taking place on April 13, from 10 a.m. – 12 noon at the Haliburton County Home Support Services building in Halco Plaza in Haliburton. The cost is \$30 to register (there is no charge for Home Support Volunteers)

To register, please call Roxanne at 457-2941.

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Ontario Early Years Centre Events For December

On WEDNESDAY Feb 2nd the OEYC is offering a **FREE Wilberforce Cooking Corner** program. IT will be held at Lloyd Watson Community Centre from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Please phone the Ontario Early Years Centre at 457-2989 to register.

On THURSDAY Feb 3rd the OEYC in partnership with the HKPR Health Unit is offering a **FREE Developmental Screening Clinic**. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (behind Halco Plaza) from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Please phone the Ontario Early Years Centre at 457-2989 to register.

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On MONDAY Feb 14th the OEYC is offering a **Family Supper Night**. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (behind Sears) from 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Please phone the Ontario Early Years Centre at 286-1770 to register.

On WEDNESDAY Feb 16th the OEYC is offering a **FREE Wilberforce Cooking Corner** program. Held at Lloyd Watson Community Centre from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Please phone the Ontario Early Years Centre at 457-2989 to register.

On THURSDAY Feb 17th the OEYC, is offering a **FREE Well Baby Clinic**. Held at Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (behind Halco Plaza) from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Please phone the Ontario Early Years Centre at 457-2989 to register.

On MONDAY Feb 21st the OEYC is offering a **Family Supper Night**. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (behind Sears) from 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Please phone the Ontario Early Years Centre at 286-1770 to register.

On WEDNESDAY Feb 23rd the OEYC in partnership with the HKPR Health Unit, is offering a **FREE Developmental Screening Clinic**. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (behind Sears) from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Please phone the Ontario Early Years Centre at 286-1770 to register.

On MONDAY Feb 28th the OEYC is offering a **Family Supper Night**. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (behind Sears) from 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Please phone the Ontario Early Years Centre at 286-1770 to register.

Info On Alzheimer's Available At Your Local Library

If you know of someone who has Alzheimer's disease, this information could help you or someone you know. Alzheimer's is a devastating disease that not only affects the patient, but also their family, friends, and caregivers. Knowledge of the different stages of the disease can help everyone to cope as the disease progresses. The Haliburton County Public Library has up to date books and VHS tapes on Alzheimer's available to borrow. For more information, ask your library staff, call the administrative office at 457-2241 or visit the library website at www.libris.ca.hali. There is help for you at your local library.

Board Members Needed For Home Support

The Haliburton County Home Support Services has an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic, dynamic individual to join their Board of Directors.

Their services to the most deserving people – seniors and physically disabled adults – are provided throughout the county of Haliburton.

They are particularly looking for new board members from the Haliburton area. Meetings are held in the Village of Haliburton once per month, with no summer meetings. They are a progressive, policy-oriented organization, providing directors insurance.

Home Support is celebrating their 25th Anniversary, and is looking to a long and prosperous future. Why not join them? Please call Roxanne at 457-2941.

Be A Part Of The Team...

Anyone interested in or affiliated with mental health services are invited to join the Advisory Committee to Mental Health in Haliburton County. Send a letter of interest to: HHMHSAC, Nominating Committee, Box 539 Minden ON K0M 2K0 or call 286-4575

The Mental Health Services were established in 1997, sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services and funded by the Ministry of Health. Their main office is in Minden, with part-time offices in Haliburton and Wilberforce. The HHMHS has a staff of five full-time counselling professionals, one administrative position, and a part-time program director, Jose Urbano. This efficient, dedicated unit provides a wide range of services, including individual, couple, and family counselling, psychotherapy referral and intensive case management, family support, and an important, but little-known homeless initiative.

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Volunteer Drivers Needed in Haliburton and Minden Area

The Haliburton County Home Support Services is in need of volunteers in the villages of Haliburton and Minden that are able to drive the most deserving people – seniors and physically disabled adults – to social and recreational events such as Church meetings, card games, Wheels to Meals lunches, hairdressers, etc. We need people who are willing to commit to 1 to 2 short trips per week on an ongoing basis. All volunteers must have a police records check and interview. Please call Roxanne at 457-2941.



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watch cars and trucks race around an oval ice track, while slipping sliding and occasionally going out of control. It's a blast to watch and free for spectators. Here is a little history on the races and some info on the vehicles and competitors:

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If you would like more information, you can contact David Hilton at 877-667-9505, or email iceracedir@casc.on.ca. You can also visit the web site www.casc.on.ca. Or you can just come out and talk to any of the racers or the organizers. One thing for sure, if you haven't checked it out yet- you should!!



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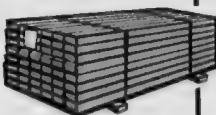


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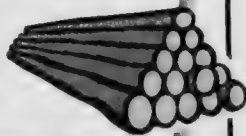


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What's Happening In Harcourt & Wilberforce in February

By Valarie Smith

The Wilberforce/Harcourt areas have many great things taking place. Here are a few things to keep in mind and help the "Winter Survivors", those people who do not enjoy the cold and sound of snow crunching beneath their feet, make it through the minus weather on the Celsius and Fahrenheit scales.

Every Wednesday - 7:30 P.M. Bingo at the Harcourt Community Centre located in Harcourt.

Every Wednesday - 7:30 PM Darts at the Wilberforce Legion Branch 624. For more information please call 448-2221

Every Thursday - 1:00 P.M. Euchre at the Wilberforce Legion Branch 624. For more information please call 448-2221

Every Thursday - 7:30 P.M. Euchre at the Harcourt Community Centre located in Harcourt. This is a smoke free evening however, time is set aside for "smoke breaks" to be taken outside. For more information, please call Mel Smith 448-3640

Every Saturday - 3:00 P.M. Meat Draw at the Wilberforce Legion Branch 624. For more information please call 448-2221

February 5 - Wilberforce Legion's Annual Pat and Phyllis Gallen Trout Derby. Registration can be purchased at the from the Bar Stewards or at The Fish Lunch Box. The price is \$10.00 per person. The four lakes for fishing are: Wilbermere and Farquar (2 lines and no slot size) and Grace and Esson Lakes (one line and there is a slot size). Weigh in time will be from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Good luck to all contestants. For more information please call 448-2221

February 6 - Super Bowl Sunday at the Wilberforce Legion Branch 624. Game start 6:00 p.m. Join the celebration.

February 11 Saint Valentine Pre Teen Dance 8:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m. at the Harcourt Community Centre. Ages 7 - 16 years are welcome. Cost: \$3.00. DJ Cindy will be back. Please note that parents are always welcome to stay for the dance. Please contact Valerie Smith at 448-3640 for more information.

February 24 - Legion Branch 624 Public Speaking for the Wilberforce Elementary School will take place at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce from 11:40 to 1:00 p.m.

A Big Congratulations to all the students in our schools in Haliburton County who so generously donated towards the Tsunami Disaster Relief Effort. The amount has been phenomenal. Our schools in Haliburton have done a remarkable job and Haliburton High School has donated over \$4500.00 alone. Just fantastic! As of January 21, 2005, throughout the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, there has been over \$44,205.00 raised. Many schools are still fund raising for the disaster relief so they are not finished yet! What great kids we have!



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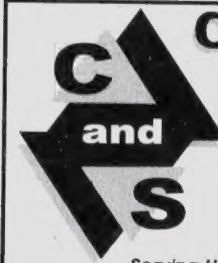
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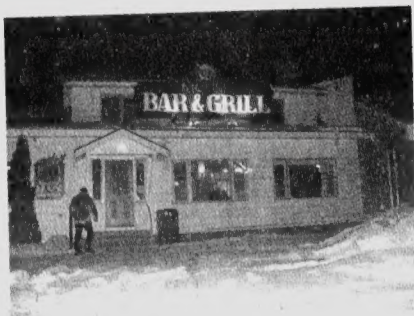
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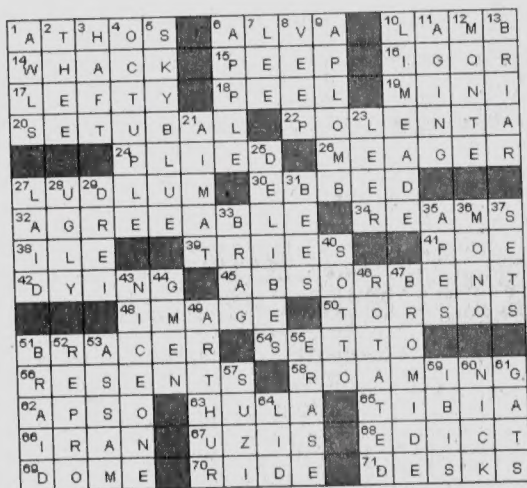
Moose Bar & Grill Re-Opens

The Moose Bar and Grill recently held it's grand reopening on January 22nd. For all who enjoy all this fun atmosphere has to offer, here are some upcoming events sure to cure



your February blahs. Yuk Yuk's comedy nights are back on Thursday evenings and Saturday evenings are sure to get you in the mood with live entertainment. Also be sure to come check out 'Star Gazing' with Andy Hillo on Friday and Sunday evenings.

If you're looking for a good laugh, be sure to head out on Friday and Saturday (Feb 10,11) for a double night shot of Yuk Yuk's nights. Saturday Feb 12 will see Edgar Wylie hit the stage in the evening and a Prime Rib Dinner. Reservations are recommended for the dinner. The Moose Bar and Grill is located next to the Wigamog Inn, off County rd 21 just outside the village of Haliburton on Kashagawigamog Lake. They offer a roadhouse menu and offer wing connoisseurs a tasty wing plate at only 35 cents each. To find out more on the entertainment line up call the Wigamog at 457-2000. If you've not been to the Moose Bar and Grill before, what are you waiting for? It's happening at the Moose! Check it out for yourself. You can also arrive by sled this time of year right off Trail 7.



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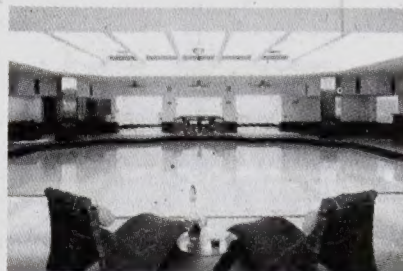


Dream Homes

Here is a new column that is allowing us all to just dream a little. We examine Dream Homes here. While not many of us could easily afford any of these homes, it's ok to dream. Perhaps if you put your mind to it and create the ultimate business idea, or you get really

lucky and win the lottery, one day you could call one of these estates or one like it home.

We start this new column off with a spectacular home in La Jolla California. Yes, this is a home, and if you're doing well enough financially, you can pick this home up for



a cool \$22,750,000. I can only imagine what the upkeep must cost, I guess the owner has enough money that he just doesn't care. But then again, he is selling. Maybe he's just tired of walking half an hour through the home just to get to the dinner table. Hey, I'd do the walk! Anyway, here's a taste of what this super mansion has to offer... Spectacular gated estate on the ocean bluff set on 4 acres with approximately 600 feet of ocean frontage! Stunning contemporary design with 10 bedrooms plus a detached staff or guesthouse. This remarkable home, located in the distinguished La Jolla Farms, offers an amazing indoor recreation wing featuring a pool, spa, children's wading pool, disco and dance floor, game room, 2-lane bowling alley with locker room, racquetball court, and an exercise room. Against the backdrop of the blue Pacific, the gorgeous grounds include a 3-hole golf course, a lighted tennis court, rolling lawns, and magnificent view points. The interior of the house reflects extensive use of marble, granite, and stainless steel, giving dramatic emphasis to this home's distinctive presence.



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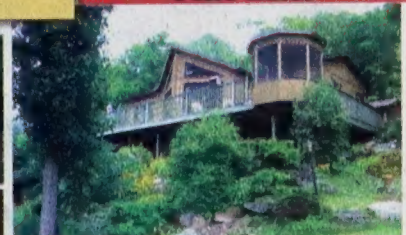
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